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ABSTRACT

The primary objective of this book is to provide concrete and practical information to guide practice in education. While it incorporates a review of research, its focus is on implementation of research in real-life educational experiences. None of the scenarios described is fictional. Five underlying themes reoccur: (1) education is a partnership; (2) perceptions and attitudes dictate our behavior; (3) knowledge creates understanding and understanding creates change; (4) there are different ways of knowing, and educators must broaden their pedagogy accordingly; and (5) many extraneous factors affect a student's educational experience. There is an emphasis on the whole child, each individual having a unique way of learning and a unique worldview. Perception especially determines reactions to situations and people. A parent, student, teacher, or administrator may change a perception and then a behavior (standing outside one role and looking in on another). Chapter 1 discusses the importance of the parent in education. Chapter 2 focuses on academic achievement. Chapter 3 examines the role of motivation in academic success. Chapter 4 examines the role of the teacher. Chapter 5 considers increasing concerns about student discipline. Chapter 6 addresses the issue of social change and its impact. (Contains 213 references.) (RKJ)

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